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John Baker House  
Buckeystown

The John Baker House is a large frame late Queen Anne style two and a half story residence.

Fine double hung stained glass windows grace the entrance on either side of the main entrance or either side of the main entrance which has a stained glass transom and is located in the third bay in a recessed alcove area.

An original columned one story frame porch with turned railing completely encircles the residence on the west, north, and south sides.

The most prominent feature of the house is a bell cast shaped three story turret which rises from the southwest corner of the building. The bell cast roof is covered by patterned slate with diamond shaped shingling.

A frame gable roofed carriage house with center tower is located to the rear of the residence.

The land upon which the house was built was purchased from Emma and Rachel Suman in 1896 by John H. Baker, son of William G. Baker, entrepreneur of Buckeystown.

According to Williams History of Frederick County, John Baker was "one of the leaders among the younger businessmen of Frederick County, is secretary and treasurer of the Standard Lime and Stone Company."

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC John Baker House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Intersection of Buckingham Lane and Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME James Boyett

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 1057

Folio #: 387

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Baker House is a large frame Queen Anne style two and one-half story residence which faces west from the intersection of Route 85 and Buckingham Lane in Buckeystown.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance, a paneled door with top panes, added later, and stained glass transom is located in the third bay in a recessed alcove area. Fine double hung stained glass windows grace the entrance on either side of the door.

The alcove is partially closed by an original frame partition supported by turned columns. The entire alcove is located in an arched entrance way.

An original columned one story frame porch with turned railing completely encircles the residence on the west, north and south sides.

The second level facade is four bays wide. Located in each bay are 1/1 windows. Louvered shutters accompany those windows in the first two bays. The windows in the third and fourth bay are sheltered by a two bay wide turned column shed roofed porch.

Extending from the roof directly over this porch and the main entrance is a large dormer with segmented Palladian window flanked by double hung 1/1 windows. A hip roofed dormer with 1/1 window extends from the roofline between the first and second bays on the second level.

The most prominent feature of the house is a bell cast shaped three story turret which rises from the southwest corner of the building. 1/1 windows with louvered shutters occupy each bay on the first, second, and third levels of the turret. The bell cast shaped roof is covered by patterned slate with diamond shaped shingling.

A three bayed two story window with steep gable, roof extends to the north side of the building. A two story original frame addition extends to the rear of the building. A one story addition extends to the northeast rear of the building.

The entire multi-gabled roof is slate covered. A widows walk consisting of a turned railing graced the center roof of the building until 1977.

The residence is constructed on a low random stone foundation and is covered by frame aluminum siding.

A frame gable roofed carriage house with center tower is located to the rear of the residence.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1896      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Newton Schaeffer

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Queen Anne architecture of the John Baker House exemplifies this building style in Buckeystown. The residence however, is different from many dwellings in the town because of a distinctive tower with bell cast slate roof.

The house may have been one built by Newton Schaeffer, Buckeystown builder and contractor who in 1895, according to Williams' History of Frederick County "erected for himself a convenient home among the substantial dwellings in the western end of the town where he has since built three other dwellings."<sup>1</sup>

The land upon which the house was built was purchased from Emma and Rachel Suman in 1896 by John H. Baker,<sup>2</sup> son of William G. Baker, entrepreneur of Buckeystown. It is believed that the house was built soon after this purchase.

According to Williams, John Baker was "one of the leaders among the younger businessmen of Frederick County, is secretary and treasurer of the Standard Lime and Stone Company."<sup>3</sup> The house was sold to Earl and Georgia Myers in 1923 by Baker.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County, p. 1106.

<sup>2</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber JLJ14; Folio 527.

<sup>3</sup>Williams, p. 1321.

<sup>4</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber 344; Folio 88.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Williams, T.J.C., History of Frederick County Maryland, Regional Publishing Company, 1967; Reprint of 1906, pp. 1106, 1321.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.85 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE clh

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DATE

1/16/79

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

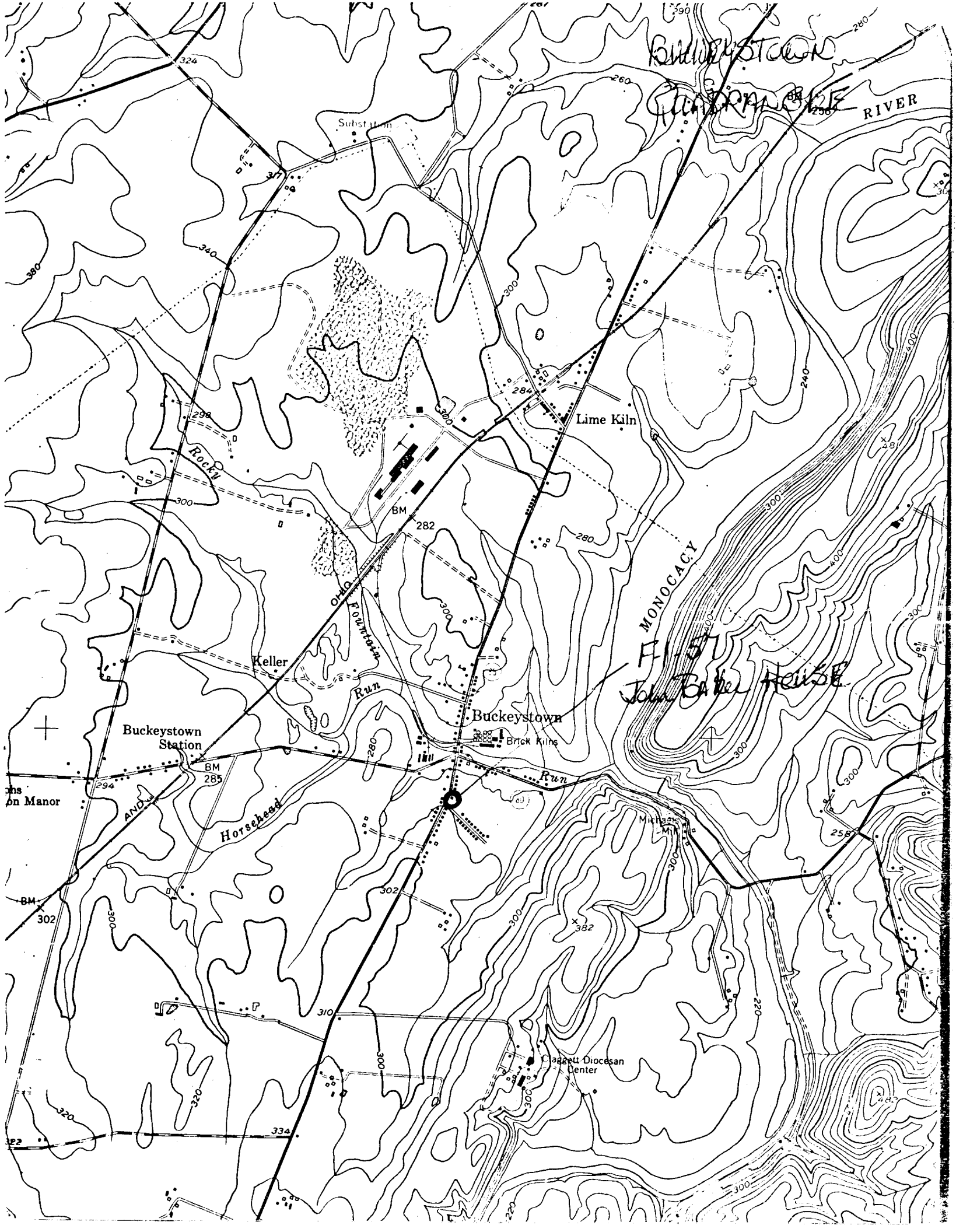
STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438





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John Baller HBE

E/S Rte 85

BUCKRYSTOWN

SOUTHEAST

ELEVATION

CRN 3/79



F-1-57

John Baller HSE

16/5 Rte 85

BUCKLEYSTOWN

SOUTHEAST

ELEVATION

CEW 3/79



R-1-57

John Baller HBE

1215 Rte 85

BUCKLEYSTOWN

DOOR DETAIL

CEN 3/79